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Green light given for 885 houses to be built in Barton



ALMOST 900 homes have been given the go-ahead by Oxford City Council to be built in Barton, following a decision by the East Area Planning Committee on Tuesday night.

Eight Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors voted in favour for 885 homes and a primary school to be built in West Barton, with Green Party councillor David Williams abstaining.

Outline permission has now been granted to developers

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Grosvenor Britain, which will include 40 per cent social housing within the development.

Council leader Cllr Bob Price said: "The approval is a fantastic step forward in delivering a vibrant and exemplar new sustainable community in Oxford."

"We're hopeful that the new homes and community facilities

will add value to those that live and work in the area, and that the delivery of the park, community hub and retail facilities will act as a catalyst to improve the area's vitality and viability."

But concerns remained over the impact such a development could have on the area, particularly regarding flooding and traffic.

Speakers at the meeting against the development included residents and inde-

pendent councillor for Marston Mick Haines, who were worried it could be detrimental to the surrounding area.

They believe the plans to deal with excess water using balancing ponds and existing pipework at the site are insufficient, and could cause flooding to Barton and the nearby communities.

As well as this, they are also predicting an increase in traffic through residential areas and issues with parking as people

try to avoid proposed controlled parking zones.

Cllr Haines said: "I was very disappointed with the decision, because the infrastructure needs to go in before the houses are built, otherwise all the complications are going to start."

"A lot of people still have sewage in their gardens from flooding five years ago, and I really did think we would have a stronger response than what we did."

"What I shall do now is stand at the main council meeting against it, and I might even go to 10 Downing Street with petitions and explain how bad the situation is for Marston, and the amount of people worried over it."

"I thought we were going to do better than that, the vote was a complete onslaught."

Construction is estimated to begin in 2015, with the development being built on a gradual basis through to 2020.



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A crucial step away from homelessness

HOMELESS people are being given the opportunity to meet Oxford businesses and boost their job prospects, as part of an employment event to be held next Thursday.

The Employment Platform event is run by Crisis, the national charity for single homeless people, and will help attendees meet potential employers.

They will also be encouraged to take part in skills classes such

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as pizza making and bricklaying, practice speaking with a specialist and even get a haircut.

Leslie Morphy, chief executive of Crisis, said: "The Employment Platform is an opportunity for Oxford-based businesses to find out how they can help themselves by helping homeless people become dedicated employees."

"Businesses can be confident that not only will we provide suitable, high calibre candidates, but they will be helping someone take a crucial step away from homelessness."

Last year, the charity helped more than 59 people in Oxford find paid roles across the catering, hospitality, construction, social care and retail sectors.

Penny Mallory, Crisis supporter and motivational speaker who will open the event, said: "It's brilliant to see so many local businesses supporting Crisis as they help their clients take the positive steps they need to turn their lives around."

"Getting out there and finding a job is absolutely crucial for many homeless people's self-confidence."

Crisis employment services teams operate all year round in Oxford as well as Merseyside,

Newcastle, Birmingham and London, to help people get ready for work through training and one-to-one coaching.

Homeless clients are offered a variety of courses including food safety, first aid, numeracy, literacy and IT classes.

The Crisis Employment Services teams work closely with businesses to understand their needs, screening each person to ensure they are right for the roles available.

The charity itself has worked with tens of thousands of volunteers with numerous organisations for 45 years, working to change the attitude people have towards homelessness.

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Zena is making a splash as instructor

ZENA Holliday used to be terrified of the water, but after 11 years of working at the Windrush Leisure Centre she is preparing to jump in the pool and teach youngsters how to swim.

Currently the courses co-ordinator at the centre in Witney, Zena has been organising the busy swimming lessons schedule and is known to many of the children and parents already.

When she first started back in 2002, Zena was petrified of the pool, but took lessons to overcome her fear and eventually became a qualified instructor.

She said: "When I first started I had to get out of the pool - it was so bad it made me feel ill."

"I think because I was such a nervous swimmer before, I can relate to them and understand why they're nervous."

"I love teaching and I believe learning to swim is really important. It's a life skill and could actually help to save a life."

• Zena Holliday with five-year-old Caspar Wright at the Windrush Leisure Centre



Planning disputes

CHERWELL District Council are seeking legal advice after four major planning applications were granted approval upon appeal.

Councillors had initially refused 145 homes off Salt Way in Banbury, 70 in Hook Norton and two applications for 75 and 85 homes in Bloxham.

But in each case the developers launched an appeal against the decision, and secretary of state for local government Eric Pickles overturned all four, citing the council's lack of a five-year housing supply.

Cllr Michael Gibbard, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "I can't understand why ministers called in these appeals if all they ever intended to do was rubber stamp them."

"This flies completely in the face of both localism and the plan making process."

"Cherwell District Council is now taking expert legal advice and if appropriate will take action to counter these appalling decisions, much as we did with the Asylum Centre at Piddington some years ago."

The council believe that the main reason for the decisions is because of the continuing dispute about whether they have an adequate five-year housing supply.

Cops arrest poachers

THREE men are on bail after being arrested for possession of weapons and night poaching.

The men, aged 23, 28 and 30, were arrested last Thursday (September 19) after being found on the Ridgeway between Blewbury in Oxfordshire and Compton, West Berkshire.

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Didcot A demolition is moving even closer

DIDCOT A's southern cooling towers and stack look set to be demolished by explosives as the careful planning and coordination begins at the power station.

Two weeks ago it was announced that Coleman and Company Limited would be the demolition contractors after a vigorous selection process that began in July last year.

Coleman and Company will be managing the deconstruction process on behalf of RWE npower who were particularly impressed with the company's complex demolition of Birmingham New Street Station which won them contract of the year in 2011.

Mike Peel, assets and project manager at RWE npower, said: "It was this that made us realise that demolition is not about a wrecking ball anymore. It is about the complexity of the task and the engineering solutions to problems that you may face."

Kieran Conaty, project director at Coleman and Company,

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added: "We are thoroughly over the moon in terms of securing the project.

"It is going to be a challenge. It is a project that we are certainly excited about."

The decommissioning of Didcot A has now been concluded and Phil Noake, Didcot A station manager, who has worked at the site for 21 years, said it was an emotional time.

"It leaves me with a lump in my throat," he said. "I was there when the last unit was desynchronised and I don't care how big and strong a guy you are when things happen like that it is very sad but things move on."

Complete deconstruction of the site is likely to take approximately three years and is expected to be complete during 2016.

About 10 members of staff out of the 70 who were involved in the decommissioning process

will remain at the site to assist the demolition contractors with their expert knowledge of the workings of Didcot A.

Between now and October, Coleman and Company will conduct an environmental impact assessment and in November parts of the coal conveyor will be demolished. From January 2014 onwards, the demolition and deconstruction of larger structures and buildings will commence.

"In our thinking we are looking at the southern cooling towers and the stack to be the first blow downs but we cannot say for certain until we agree with the external stakeholders," Mr Peel explained.

External stakeholders such as the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils, Didcot B and Network Rail are still to agree with the methodology of the demolition but Mr Conaty added: "It is the best way to do it."

"It is the industry standard to demolish cooling towers in this



• (Left to right) Phil Noake, PR Manager at RWE npower Kelly Brown, Mike Peel, Planning and Consents team manager Matthew Trigg, Kieran Conaty and Carol Cooper

way."

The generating components in Didcot A's turbine hall are expected to be deconstructed in the same way they were installed

while other methods of demolition include manual, mechanical, ultra high reach and high reach machines and progressive collapse.

About 70 acres of the 205 acre site has been retained for possible expansion of Didcot B while the remaining land has been recommended for business use.



• (Left to right) Martin Sutton, Grant Gibson from Kookaburra Cafe and Cllr David Nimmo Smith (Picture by Jack Johnson)

Park and Ride is back in business

THORNHILL Park and Ride is now officially fully open for business after multi-million pound improvements were made to the Headington site.

A new £1.2million bus service, 500 extra spaces, free Oxonbike cycle hire, new cafe facilities run by Kookaburra Cafe and improved signage have helped to spruce up the park and ride.

The new bus service, known as Headington Connect, began on Monday.

It will link Thornhill and Water Eaton Park and Rides, the latter to begin in November, to the John Radcliffe, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and Churchill Hospitals, Oxford University Old Road Cam-

pus and Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane campus.

Stagecoach will run the services, adding to the existing options offered by Oxford Bus Company with the 400 and 500 buses travelling to the city centre via Headington.

The new 700, 800 and 900 bus services will run initially for three years and replace the current 600 service from Thornhill Park and Ride to the Churchill Hospital and 700 service from Water Eaton Park and Ride to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for Transport at Oxfordshire County Council, said: "The park and rides are

an easy way to get into the city attend hospital appointments easily and efficiently.

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More homes to receive high-speed broadband

Tributes are left for tragic Tom, 23



• Thomas Franklin was found unconscious in Hinksey Park on Saturday

A 23-year-old man who died after being found with serious injuries in an Oxford park has been named.

Thomas Franklin, of Abingdon Road, was found unconscious near the tennis courts and allotments in Hinksey Park at about 8.10am on Saturday morning.

He had suffered injuries to his head and upper body, and

was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital where he died. It is believed he had been lying in the park for some hours.

Police are not treating his death as suspicious, and an inquest was opened and adjourned on Monday.

A post-mortem examination concluded Thomas had died from multiple injuries, which appeared to be consistent with

a fall.

Numerous tributes have been left in the park, which included flowers and a can of energy drink.

Police are asking for any witnesses who saw or heard anything that may assist with the investigation to contact detective inspector Paul Miller on the non-emergency number 101.

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MORE homes and businesses are set to benefit from the introduction of high-speed broadband across the county.

BT announced earlier this week that an extra 1,800 properties would be involved in a further expansion of the company's multi-million-pound roll-out of fibre broadband in Oxfordshire.

In August, Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that BT would spearhead a £25million campaign to bring better broadband to homes and businesses.

The project aims to provide at least 90 per cent of all premises in the county with access to superfast broadband speeds of 24Mbps by the end of 2015.

The extra investment is being made in six communities already included in the plans

and Openreach, BT's local network business, will carry out the work between now and the end of spring next year.

Cowley and Summertown are two of the communities along with Bicester, Henley, Kidlington and Wallingford, all of which have already been upgraded.

This expansion will boost the total number of Oxfordshire premises with access to commercial fibre broadband to around 181,200 while around 176,200 are already able to get the service.

John Weaver, BT regional director for the South East, is full of positives about it.

"This is an exciting time for the digital future of Oxfordshire, with widespread availability of fibre broadband services fast becoming a reality for thousands of local homes," he said.

"We hope even more local people will soon experience the difference for themselves."

According to the Ofcom Fixed Broadband Speeds Map 2012, the average broadband speed in Oxfordshire is 12.3Mbps with 10.6 per cent of premises receiving less than 2Mbps.

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Council's pledge to tenants

OXFORD City Council is hoping to improve tenancy services for people with physical and sensory difficulties, following a recent meeting about the subject.

Members of the council's Tenant Scrutiny Panel met with Oxfordshire Unlimited, a group who focus on supporting people with such difficulties, to find out how services can be made more accessible.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for housing, said: "Working together, the two groups are ensuring that tenants with physical and sensory difficulties are able to share how it affects their use of council services."

"We are grateful for the work they have done."

"We hope they will continue to help us provide world class standards for a world class city."

Deputy chair of Oxford Unlimited Lilian Sherwood said: "Three of our committee met with the city council to discuss how our members could contribute to tenant improvement."

"Our members have a valuable experience and knowledge on disability access, opportunities and discrimination that they wish to share with the local authority, with the aim to help the services they provide."

Marie Dawson, an Oxford Unlimited member, added: "I feel there is a great opportunity to help our members and to share their knowledge of access across the city."

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satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much

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Oxon's kids are excelling

SCHOOLCHILDREN in the county have bucked the national trend and impressed in recent tests to measure levels of progress.

Eleven-year-olds in Oxfordshire improved by five per cent in comparison to last year and can boast a figure of 90 per cent in expected levels of progress from Key Stage One in reading.

Nationally there was a two per cent drop in expected reading levels to 88 per cent while Oxfordshire's schoolchildren also made expected progress in maths and were joint second in writing with 93 per cent achieving the expected improvement level.

Cllr Melinda Tilley, cabinet member for Children, Education and Families at Oxfordshire County Council, was delighted with the news.

"I am hugely impressed at the increases in numbers of students making the expected progress from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two," she said. It is also encouraging that Oxfordshire is either joint first or joint second for expected progress in reading, writing and maths when compared to our statistical neighbours."

The county's pupils also performed well in the amount of students achieving Level 4 and higher in reading, writing and maths.

Want to quit smoking? Advice clinic now open

SMOKERS across Oxfordshire who want to quit can now receive free advice and help at a new community-based stop-smoking service, which launches today in Cowley.

It is being promoted by Oxfordshire County Council to coincide with next month's 28-day stop-smoking challenge Stoptober, with the aim of urging people to kick the killer habit.

The new mobile clinic has been launched by healthcare company Solutions4Health, which will help people who struggle to get to traditional clinics in the area.

Known as the SmokeFreeLife service, the project aims to help at least 200 people a year to give up smoking.

Leena Sankla, project director of Solutions4Health, said: "Research shows that smokers are four times more likely to quit successfully when they have professional support. Our four week quitter's programme gives smokers the best possible

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chance of quitting for good."

Around 18 per cent of Oxfordshire's adults are smokers, and the Stoptober campaign encourages people to give up for a whole month to increase their chances of quitting for good.

County council member for public health and voluntary services, Hilary Hibbert-Biles, said: "As an ex-smoker myself, I fully appreciate how hard it is to give up this addiction."

"However, the health benefits of stopping are proven and there is now such a wide range of support available that, whether you sign up to take part in Stoptober or make use of SmokeFreeLife, there's no need to go it alone."

Half of long-term smokers die prematurely from related diseases such as lung cancer and heart disease.

But within a year of quitting, the risk of a heart attack falls to about half, and following 15 years the risk is the same as someone who has never smoked. Quitters are five times more likely to stay smoke-free if they make it through the first four weeks.

Line-up is confirmed for Oxjam's takeover



• Ragged Claws performing at last year's Oxjam Oxford Takeover (Picture courtesy of Oxjam Oxford Facebook)

EXCITEMENT is brewing for this year's Oxjam Oxford Takeover as the full-line up has been confirmed.

Organisers promise this year's event, which takes place on October 12, will be "even bigger and better" than 2012.

Among the new additions to this year is a Metal line up hosted by Skeletor Promotions at the Wheatsheaf and a more family friendly day time

gig at the New Road Baptist Church.

Jordan O'Shea, Adam Barnes, Dubwiser, Alphabet Backwards, Deer Chicago, Mutagenocide and Ragged Claws are among the 40-strong line-up which will be performing across six venues.

Therefore you can take your pick from Turl Street Kitchen, The Cellar, The Purple Turtle, St Michael at the North Gate, New Road Baptist Church and

the Wheatsheaf plus an official after party at the O2 Academy featuring a DJ set from Radio One's Huw Stephens.

One wristband gives you access to all six venues while tickets are available from www.wegotickets.com.

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Oxjam Oxford Takeover is now in its third year and has raised over £10,000.

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Cop raising money for brain tumour charity

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AN OXFORDSHIRE policeman is set to take part in the Berlin Marathon at the weekend to raise money in support of a colleague's wife, who is currently fighting a brain tumour.

Colin Travi, from Woodstock, has already raised nearly £2,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity, and will line up alongside 40,000 others in Berlin on Sunday.

He was inspired to take part in the marathon by colleague and friend Ian Ledger, whose wife Jenny is suffering from the disease.

Colin said: "I've known them for four years, and you get to know not just the condition, but how it affects them on a daily basis."

"Obviously it's not the sort of thing you can leave at the door, go home and forget because it's on your mind and you think in what respect can you help, so it becomes more personal."

"Until you actually experience it you can't put it into words, so it goes beyond being colleagues."

Despite this being his first marathon, Colin has been running



• Colin Travi previously raised money for the Brain Tumour Charity by completing the Reading Half Marathon

with the Woodstock Harriers for 11 years, and began training for this challenge back in January.

He added: "I've done many races but never actually dedicated time to a marathon, but I can say after eight months of training I think I'm nearly there."

Over 9,000 people are diagnosed with a brain tumour each year and are the biggest cancer killer of adults under 40 years

of age. Louise Taylor, the Brain Tumour Charity's director of fundraising, said: "It's only through the efforts of people like Colin that we can change these shocking statistics in the future."

"We are extremely grateful for all the efforts made by our fantastic fundraisers, and wish them all the very best."

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Councillor's Column

Cllr Bob Price

Leader of Oxford City Council



'Momentous' week for Oxford

This week has been a momentous one for the city in tackling the long-standing housing crisis. The approval for nearly 900 new homes in a western extension to Barton, together with a new primary school, community recreation fields, a supermarket and a new countryside park, will offer opportunities for both affordable private house purchase as well as over 400 homes at genuinely affordable rents.

The new community will have excellent bus and cycle links across the A40 with Marston and Northway, and will make journeys to work for residents working in the hospitals, the universities and other businesses in the north east of the city easy and affordable.

The development is the result of an innovative partnership between the City Council and the Grosvenor Estate.

The current Barton community and the new homes will be integrated through the design of the extension, and the community facilities that will serve all the residents, whether in the old or new parts of the area.

The Council's communities and neighbourhoods team will be giving high priority in ensuring that the people who move into the new homes from 2015 onwards will be welcomed as part of Barton.

The City Council will also be building another 112 homes in smaller developments around the city over the next three years.

Oxford is the least affordable city in England to buy or rent a home in relation to local income levels at the present time: perhaps we can dispose of that sad record by the end of this decade!

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Grant funding

COMMUNITY and voluntary groups in the city can now bid for grant funding.

Oxford City Council are inviting groups that make a valuable contribution to the community to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for the next financial year.

The closing date for applications is noon on November 8 and for more information visit www.oxford.gov.uk.

Men released

THREE men who were arrested as part of an investigation into an Oxford guest house have been released from their bail.

Police arrested the men, aged 81, 49 and 48 after a warrant was executed at the Nanford Guest House, Iffley Road, in June.

They have been released without charge.

Park attack

A 40-year-old man suffered a broken nose and hand after being assaulted with an iron bar in Cutteslowe Park on September 18.

Just before 5pm, a white man with short dark hair who was wearing a blue sweatshirt attacked the victim from behind.

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Charity drive

OXFORD'S ASK Italian restaurant has raised £663 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

As part of the ASK Italian Grand Tour, which started in Aberdeen at the beginning of the month and is finishing at Great Ormond Street Hospital tomorrow, staff members and the local community have been asked to cycle, run and swim over 2,500 miles.

The tour visited Oxford on September 17.

North Ward

LABOUR'S Louise Upton won last week's North Ward by-election for the vacancy on Oxford City Council.

Cllr Upton received 367 votes, narrowly beating Lib Dem candidate Tim Bearder by 30.

Sushila Dhall (Green Party) got 262 votes while John Patrick Walsh (Conservative) received 100.

Witney market set for long-term makeover

IMPROVEMENTS are set to be made to a Witney market, in a bid to bring new opportunities for shoppers and stallholders and ensure it's long-term viability.

The twice-weekly Charter Market, run by West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), will be renamed as the Witney Buttercross Market, alongside improvements to the appearance and mix of stalls on offer.

WODC's cabinet agreed on recommendations following a review of the markets, and work will now get underway to increase the number of stalls at the markets held on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Cllr David Harvey, cabinet member for environment, said: "We've had the re-paving of the Market Square already this year and some new traders, including an outdoor café and bakery, have already joined the market."

"This review builds on the success of the traditional market and is our way of showing that we are committed to supporting local markets."

"Markets are the lifeblood of local towns, not only Witney but across West Oxfordshire, and play a vital role in the local economy. As well as improve-

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ments to the existing market, a number of specialist markets are being planned, including one in the run up to Christmas."

Approval has also been given for Witney Farmers' Market to have the option of running alongside the Saturday market, although it is to continue trading in its traditional Friday slot for the foreseeable future.

Cllr Harvey added: "The specialist markets will bring something completely new and we're sure these will be a success, helping to attract new market customers."

"Witney has a long market heritage and we want to this to continue into the future."

Recommendations set out in the Witney Market Review are based on consultation with traders, retailers and residents, as well as national research into improving high streets.

West Oxfordshire's markets generate an estimated £1.2m turnover a year, and it is hoped the review will help the council provide support to other markets in the district.

Primary school gets special visit from PM



• Chair of governors Darren Silvester, headteacher Jane Tailby and David Cameron outside the school

MIDDLE Barton Primary School played host to the Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron on September 13, who met with staff, governors and pupils while at the site.

He spoke to children in their classrooms at the school, near Chipping Norton, and finished with an appearance at the weekly awards assembly to present special certificates

for the pupils' achievements that week.

While at the school, the Prime Minister also gave a speech about hard work and determination, something that newly-appointed headteacher Jane Tailby is keen to promote further.

His attendance at the school was kept quiet until the day itself, surprising pupils and parents when they saw him on

site. Mr Cameron's visit came after the school's improvement in their OFSTED inspections, rising from the 'special measures' category to the 'good' rating over the last two years.

The school achieved the new grading in February this year, with OFSTED citing the rapid improvement in pupil's progress since their previous inspection of the school in November 2011.

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Traders celebrate as market turns six

By Jack Johnson

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WALLINGFORD'S Local Producers Market is showing no signs of slowing down after celebrating its sixth birthday.

Stallholders and punters were joined by the Mayor of Wallingford, Cllr Bernard Stone, for the celebrations last Saturday morning at the Regal Centre.

The market offers a wide variety of produce from the general store, which donates its proceeds to the Treehouse School in Cholsey.

Fruit and vegetables, plants, cakes, readily prepared food, chocolate and jams can be found as well as crafts including wood, knitting, jewellery and photography.

After cutting the cake made by the Regal Cafe, Cllr Stone was quick to describe the market as "a valued asset to the community" and an important place for people looking to start a business.

He added: "It's dead easy to start anything but to sustain it it's got to be a sound idea and a very workable arrangement, and this clearly is."



• Councillor Bernard Stone

"Some of the traders have perhaps changed over time but the principle is the same and this market seems to be doing extremely well."

Cllr Stone also added that it helps to attract people from wider communities with one principle of the market being to make produce grown within a 30-mile radius of Wallingford readily available.

"There is quite a change going



• Andrea Powell, Mark Powell, Natalie Winter - Ashtrees Farm Vegetables - Benson: "We have been here for the whole six years and we were involved in setting it up. We started the business at the same time and it has really helped us."



• John Hailstone - Imp Photo - Wallingford: "It has been the making of my business. I have taken it from just a hobby to a little bit beyond that and I consider it a privilege to be associated with the market."

on particularly in small market towns," Cllr Stone continued.

"Retailers are struggling in terms of viability but the whole centre of a town has changed and will continue to but we have got to retain it as a social hub."

"There may be more coffee shops, there may be more community facilities but one still wants it to be the focal point of the town."

"Something like the local pro-

ducers market enhances all of that."

"It brings people in, supports producers in the area, involves groups like the Scouts so it really is a fine example of what should be happening in the town."

Cllr Stone also revealed that the town council and South Oxfordshire District Council were seriously looking at the implementation of pop-up shops in Wallingford.



• Rosemary Chapman and Debbie Sargent - Seasonal plants and knitted crafts - Drayton: "We have seen it evolve into a much bigger event. It brings more and more people from the outlying villages and the reputation is building."



• Sarah Jex - Sarah Jex Photography - Cholsey: "It has been great for meeting people locally. I tend to come once a month and people get to know you are here. This is a creative sideline for me."

Thame Food Festival 'one of the best'

THIS Saturday's Thame Food Festival is being showcased as one of the country's best by VisitEngland.

The English Tourist Board have put together an Edible England food map and Thame's offering is one of a small handful of market towns to be selected.

TV chef Lotte Duncan, patron of Thame Food Festival, said: "A few years ago Thame hosted its first food festival with just a handful of stalls outside the town hall."

"Now, five years on, the whole town celebrates local food and drink at this landmark event in the food calendar."

Chefs such as Tom Kerridge, Raymond Blanc and Adam Simmonds are usually in attendance and Lotte added: "Today, people flock to Thame to enjoy a fantastic free foodie day out and to see Michelin-starred chefs rubbing shoulders with local growers and small-holders."

"Everyone feels as strongly as we do about promoting local food and celebrating the fantastic growers and producers on our doorstep."

Cllr Judith Nimmo-Smith, cabinet member for Economic Development at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "We fully recognise the impact great local food and drink has for residents and tourists alike."

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More success for cops in rural crime drive

THAMES Valley Police's week of action to tackle rural crime in the South and Vale has been hailed as a success.

Throughout last week, more than 789 people signed up to Thames Valley alerts while officers visited 232 farms and properties.

Local volunteers were also taken up on to the Ridgeway, on a late night patrol as part of Operation Ranger, to outline the importance of using 101 in reporting information.

Supt Andy Boyd, local area commander for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, said: "Preventing rural crime is a key priority for us."

"This operation was designed to engage with rural communities and work with them to send a clear message to those individuals who think it is an easy opportunity to commit crimes in the countryside that it is not."

"We are patrolling the countryside in greater numbers than ever before and we are determined to catch them and bring some peace and tranquillity to the countryside."

Ray Woodyear, a member of the Neighbourhood Watch from East Hanney, who joined officers

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on the patrol, added: "I thought last Thursday was a useful activity, it demonstrated to the public that the police are active and serious about rural crime in our area."

Last Wednesday, crime prevention and reduction advisor Ali Smith was in Appleford to promote Smartwater, a crime prevention solution used to mark property, along with PCSOs Sandra Syphas and Claire Smallcombe and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Ann Martin.

"It is a really positive Neighbourhood Watch in Appleford but we were able to sign up more people for Thames Valley Alerts as well," said Ms Smith.

"We have Smartwater and Countrywatch signs to go up and it just indicates that the village is more alert."

Last Friday, she was joined at Millets Farm in Frilford by PC Laura Schmid, PCSOs Howard Pack, Mike Clayden and Chris Ratcliffe and Greville Wells from the Neighbourhood Watch.

A tractor, borrowed from Dor-

set police, helped to attract a younger crowd and officers were on hand to give out Thames Valley alert sign ups, smartwater kits, property marking kits, purse bells for elderly people living in rural locations, crime prevention folders and Countrywatch signs. Bicycles were also marked at the event while more officers were in Henley marking equipment at farms.

Despite the success of the event, Ms Smith was still keen to press home the message about the importance of marking property.

"It is really important for people to mark their property full stop," she said.

"We receive a lot of property that is stolen but we cannot return it to them or charge the person. It acts as a big deterrent fact as well. If people can see that property is marked then people are going to go elsewhere or hopefully give up entirely."

You can sign up to Countrywatch by visiting <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/89/Join> and to find out more about Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association go to <http://www.tvnhwa.org.uk/>.



• Ali Smith and PCSO Howard Pack at Millets Farm

Unpaid work for Watlington fraudster

A 57-YEAR-OLD woman from Watlington has been ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work after pleading guilty to benefit fraud.

Barbara Hide, of Chiltern Gardens, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on September 16 when she admitted two charges of dishonestly making a false representation relating to her housing and council tax benefit.

Hide received more than £9,500 in overpayments between March 2007 and October 2012, which magistrates heard was because she had failed to declare her daughter's partner was living in the property at the time.

She was caught following checks made by the Housing Benefit Data Matching service, and must complete the unpaid work within 12 months and pay back the money she wrongly claimed.

Cllr David Dodds, cabinet member for finance at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This case is another reminder that when someone applies for benefits they must disclose all relevant information."

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Business Bites**Talent drive**

"WE have recruited graduates before, but not on this scale". That's the message from Oxfordshire-based motorsport and technology business, Prodrive, as nine engineering graduates and industrial placements start their careers there.

They'll be working within Prodrive's advanced technology division at its headquarters in Banbury, which sits alongside the company's motorsport programmes for Aston Martin and MINI, and carries out system engineering and special vehicle programmes for clients in the automotive, defence and aerospace sectors. In the last two years the division has grown significantly and now employs more than 100 engineers.

Making waves

CONSTRUCTION of a £3m development for world-renowned civil engineering company, HR Wallingford, has started at Howbery Business Park.

The unique facility will allow engineers to accurately model erosion around bridges and other water-based structures, and also feature an electronics laboratory where the company's wavemakers and instruments will be made.

New incubator created by Oxford scientists

ISIS Innovation, the technology transfer company of the University of Oxford, has created a business incubator for foreign companies keen to establish a presence in China. The new 100,000 sq. ft. technology business incubator will accommodate up to 100 high technology companies working in fields such as automotive components, materials, agriculture, industrial automation and software.

Isis formed the Guangxi Liuzhou Jinhui International Science and Technology Company, which manages the business technology incubator, in June

By Iain Nicholson

this year - the second joint venture company it has established in China.

Dr David Baghurst, Head of Isis Enterprise Asia and Jinhui Project Lead, said: "Many overseas companies focus their Chinese expansion aspirations on the megacities of Shanghai, Beijing and the Pearl River Delta region. However, other excellent opportunities exist inland where many local governments are focusing efforts on establishing innovative

technology companies. We are keen to talk to innovators keen to start their China journey with support from the Isis international teams based in the UK, Hong Kong and Liuzhou."

In order to sustain Chinese economic growth the national government, in its 12th five-year plan, announced an emphasis on importing leading innovations and talented start-up teams. Schemes, such as the National 1,000 Talents Programme, have been established to provide funding support for both Chinese and foreign nationals looking to start companies.

Liuzhou, with a population of 3.71m, is home to 3,000 companies including a number of joint ventures created by industrial giants such as General Motors, Nissan and Renault. The Mayor of Liuzhou, Mr W. Xiao, said: "Liuzhou is developing into an international economy. With the ongoing development of the city we are committed to gaining access to the world's best new ideas in vehicle and automobile components, new energy products, non-ferrous metal materials processing, displays, creative software, tourism and other business fields."

**Business Matters**

Guest columnist Charly Cox
Leadership coach, trainer and public speaker

**Don't be fearful - be curious**

IN this month's guest column, leadership coach, trainer and public speaker Charly Cox, on the lessons she learned from building a business in Africa.

I work from Chipping Norton, which seems miles away from Sierra Leone, where I spent six years and built a communications company. Though my company was in West Africa, the experience of business is universal. The difference in a country with no infrastructure, where nothing is certain, is that business issues are magnified, but not different. Just as for my clients, business showed me my resilience and inventiveness. It also taught me that the perspective we take is crucial.

When you start out you're terrified of failing, and it affects everything. I saw work through a perspective

of scarcity. I would over-promise because 'I need this sale' and do more than I'd agreed because 'I can't lose this client'. The result was we got focused, efficient and more profitable. We also stopped doing work we didn't enjoy. Really all that changed was my perspective. Instead of clinging to the bird in the hand, I believed in the two in the bush.

We often see the world as scarce because we don't trust in our ability to create opportunities. We doubt ourselves, and say 'what if it all goes wrong tomorrow'.

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A worldly influence...

POPULAR concert guitarist Richard Durrant is staging a warm-up show in Oxford tomorrow evening, ahead of an autumn tour and new album launch next month.

Taking place at the Holywell Music Room, the concert features Richard's performances of a broad spectrum of music, in one of just three unplugged

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solo appearances before the main tour.

Pieces he has composed himself, plus works from Bach and an assortment of Paraguayan music make up the programme for tomorrow's show.

Richard said: "The show is just me standing and playing the guitar, delivering something much more immediate and intimate than usual."

"I chose Holywell because it's got the most fantastic acoustics for guitar, really outrageous, and I love the sound control in there. If you want to dampen the sound, you pull a wire and move a curtain across!"

"It's a really fantastic venue because you can adjust the room, so it's a perfect place to limber up and play something intimate."

Richard's love of South American music is well known, and he has been to Paraguay on a few occasions to meet with musicians

and promote his own work.

He added: "I went out there to launch my first Paraguayan album, and it went very well but I came home with a suitcase full of music by people I'd met while I was over there."

"I'm going back in November to play a piece I've written and to do some more touring. The music worked its way into my UK tour as well; there's always little sprinklings of exotic South American stuff sneaking its way in."

Richard is also preparing for the release of his new album 'Christmas Guitars', which is coming out on October 21.

"It's the longest I've spent on any album," said Richard. "I spent six months recording it, and one of the pieces features a narration by Barry Cryer, who's a mate of mine."

"I'm doing 25 concerts to promote that album. I think the day after I get back from Paraguay I go into rehearsals for the tour, so that will be great."

Tickets are £15. Book by calling 01273 453422.



• Richard Durrant is performing the third of three warm-up gigs in Oxford tomorrow

Tales of NHS

A CONTEMPORARY drama written and directed by Sam Freeman about an over-worked and undervalued nurse is being performed at the Burton Taylor Studio this evening.

'Floating' features a selection of stories about the NHS, including unheard tales of compassion and kindness from hospital staff.

Tickets for the show cost £10, which starts at 7.30pm. For more information, go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com or call 01865 305305.

Chubby Brown

OUTRAGEOUS comedian Roy Chubby Brown is at Oxford's New Theatre tonight, with what promises to be his bluest show yet.

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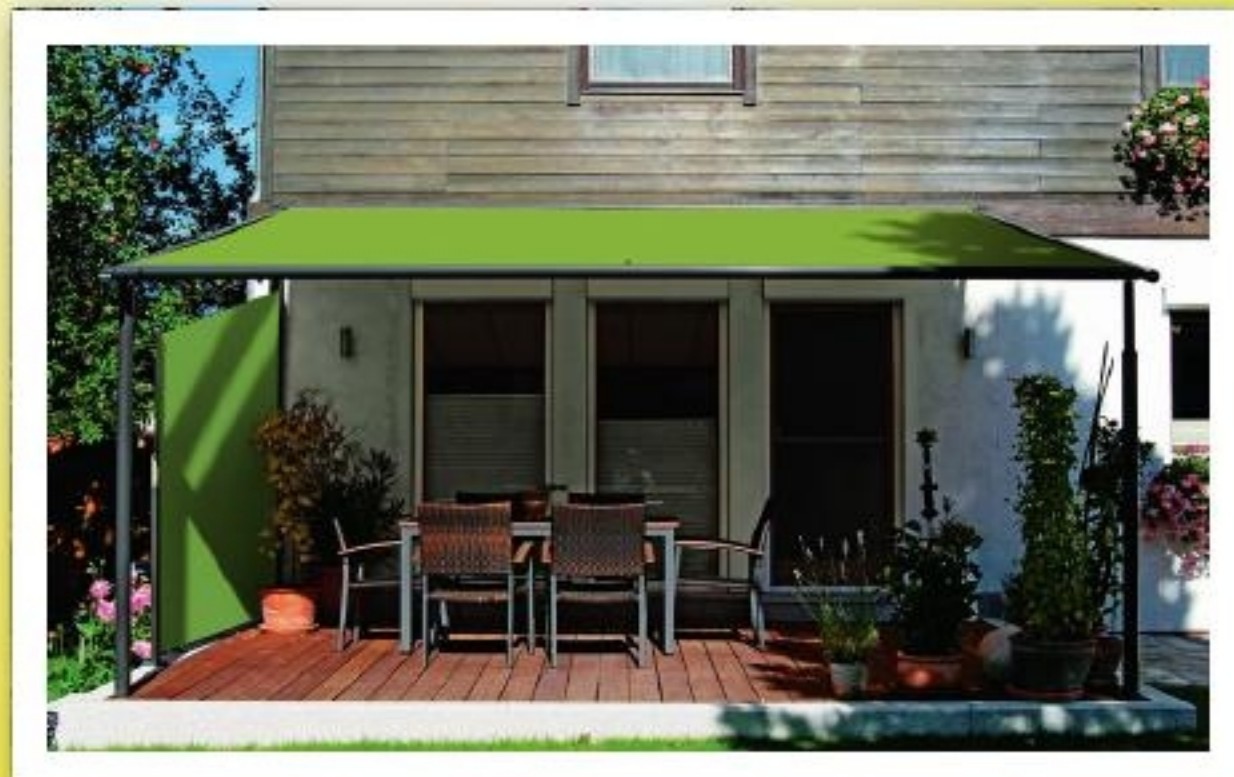
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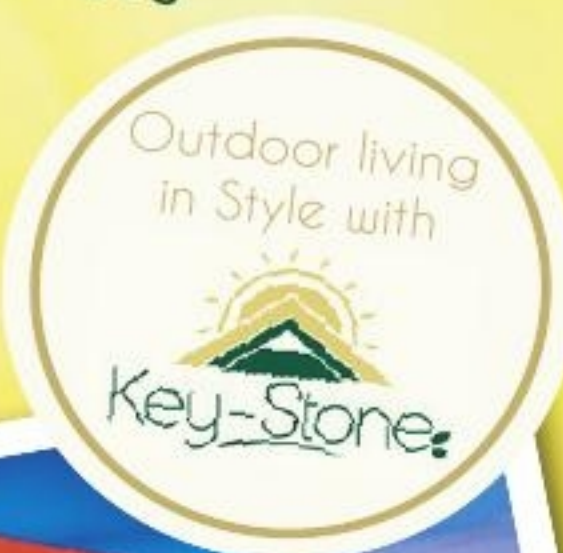
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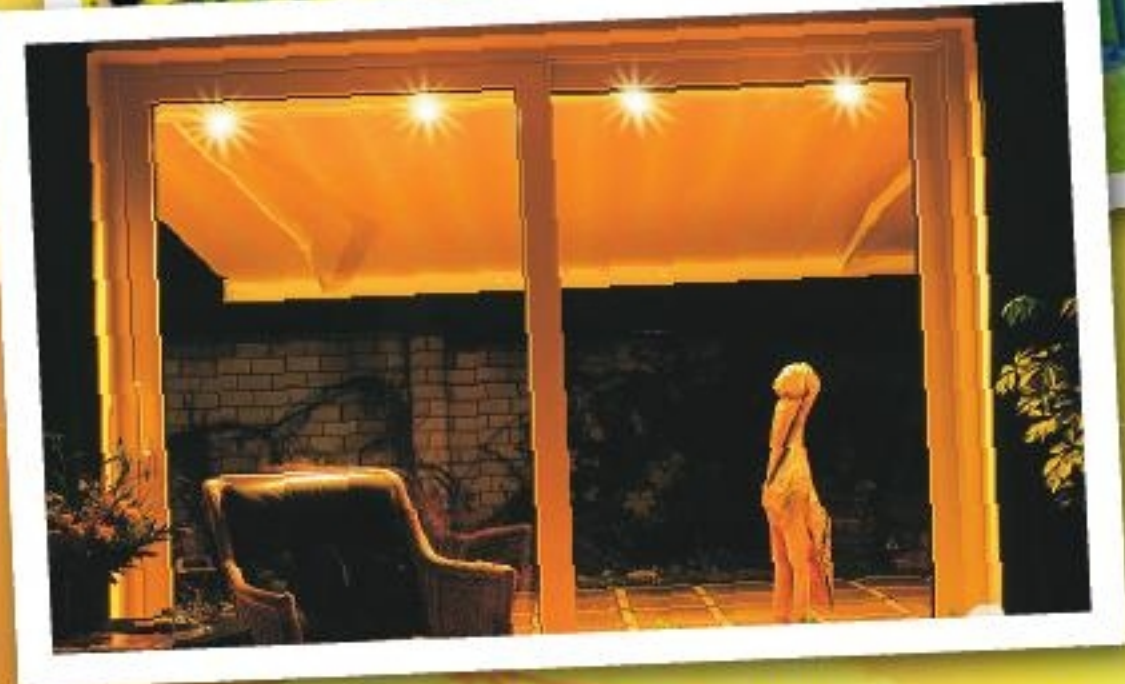
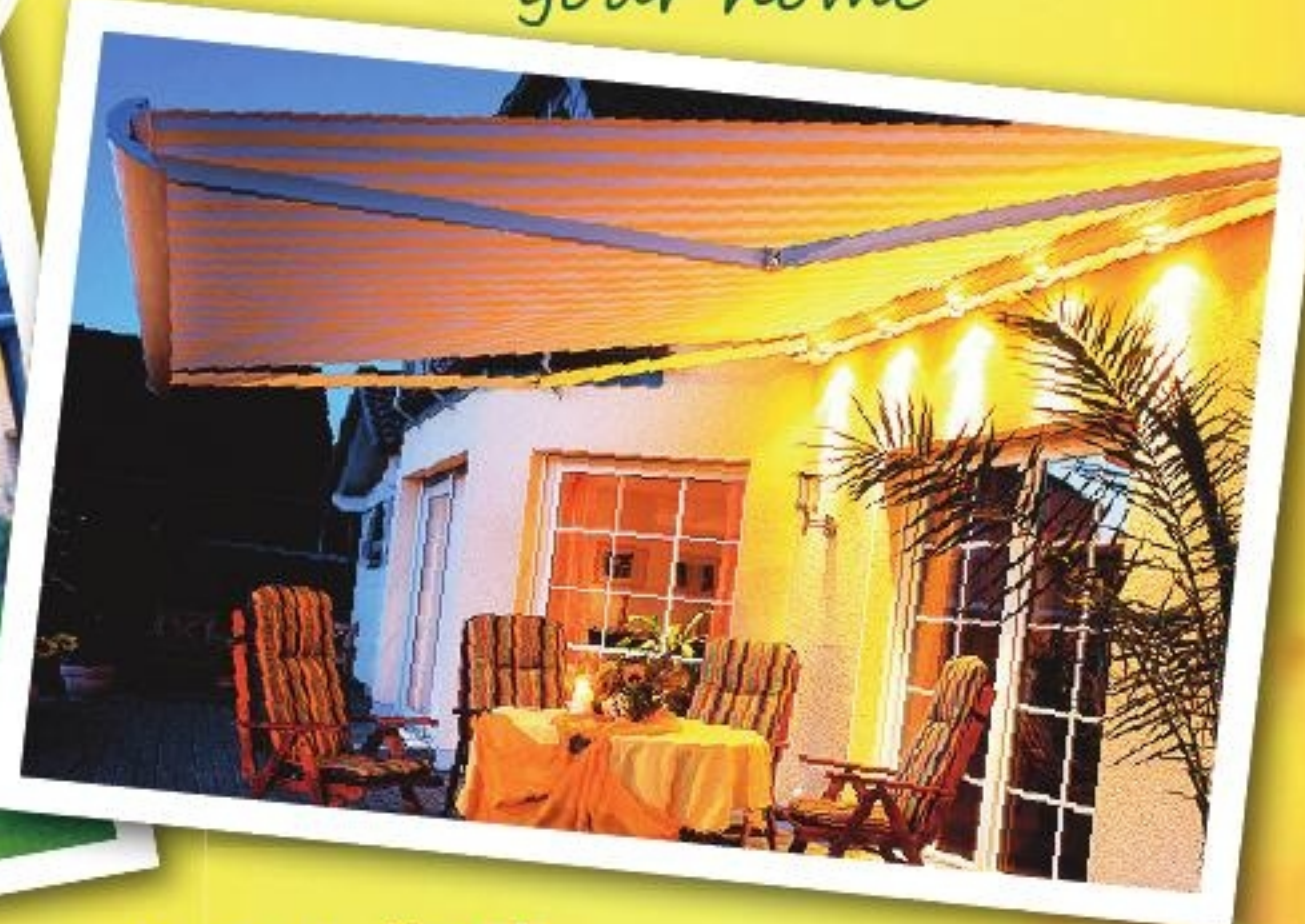


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Didcot set to get Carter

ENGLISH folk singer-songwriter Sam Carter comes to Didcot on Saturday, as he brings his new tour to Oxfordshire with music from his first two albums.

Since winning Best Newcomer at the BBC Radio Two Folk

By Adam Flinn

adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Awards in 2010, Sam has been very much in demand with performances at the Royal Festival Hall and venues all across the country.

The latest show features songs from his debut album 'Keepsakes', as well as his second album 'The No Testament' which was released in August last year.

Sam said: "I have been playing about 15 years, but in terms of my singer-songwriter stuff, probably five or six years in this current sort of format."

"I am very influenced by a lot of traditional English and American folk music."

"So I'll be playing a combination of original material from my two albums, and within that there'll be some traditional stuff that I'll play as well."

During 2010 and 2011, Sam combined his touring schedule and supporting Bellowhead around

the UK with participation in the British Council's 'Shifting Sands' project.

More recently, Sam toured in support of Seth Lakeman, and in summer 2012 he performed a live score to the newly-restored Hitchcock film 'The Lodger' with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Asked how he first got into music, Sam said: "It's just something that was around when I was younger. There was music in the house, so it never seemed like 'I'm going to be a musician', it was just a very natural process."

"In terms of performing, I started doing that when I was maybe 15 or 16 with various different bands in my teens, and it's kind of continued from there really."

"It's been a long sort of process with different music along the way, so it's been a long road."

Tickets for Saturday's show cost £14.50, which begins at 8pm. For more information, call 01235 515144 or go to www.cornerstone-arts.org.



• Sam Carter makes his first visit to Didcot's Cornerstone theatre on Saturday

Exploration

A NEW international encounter featuring three Swedish adventurers is heading to the North Wall Centre from Wednesday, in a mix of physical theatre, storytelling and live music.

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Climbs (6)
- 8 Wild incoherent speeches (7)
- 10 Restrain (7)
- 11 Cut open (5)
- 12 Sample food (5)
- 13 Refuse-eating animal (9)
- 16 Marine paintings (9)
- 19 Form of entertainment (5)
- 20 Insertion (5)
- 22 Attacks (7)
- 23 Dawn (7)
- 24 Wanders (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Ruffles (6)
- 2 Stove (4)
- 3 Without reason (13)
- 5 Buildings (13)
- 6 Domination (8)
- 7 Precious metal (6)
- 9 Thin person (5)
- 14 Valuer (8)
- 15 Principles (6)
- 17 Wrong (5)
- 18 Sofa (6)
- 21 Mistake (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Work to put a question, then speak against the motion (6)
- 8 The plot has to have it all well conducted (7)
- 10 Be noisy with one in the list (7)
- 11 The goatman can stay right round (5)
- 12 So set back in the ones over there (5)
- 13 These lads are immortal (9)
- 16 Showers of feathers before autumn's at an end (9)
- 19 Go after the box for a gamble (5)
- 20 He wanders right over (5)
- 22 Sing about how it's on display (7)
- 23 Bombarded with nut cases! (7)
- 24 Condescend to take the head of the school as a pattern (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 The sailor was accustomed to be reviled (6)
- 2 Each attitude produced some talk (4)
- 3 Being of greater significance than the enthusiastic spy? (13)
- 5 Prudently I drop tones for questions about procedure (6,2,5)
- 6 As a matter of choice, work it up as a type of loan (8)
- 7 Gained what those at the end are trying to make (6)
- 9 The energy needed for a trip (5)
- 14 Gives up an embargo on Spaniards (8)
- 15 Humiliated as in a flower garden? (6)
- 17 Wins about a thousand dollars, and flies away (5)
- 18 Walk along where the earth's up on the east (5)
- 21 Wicked outcome of evil (4)

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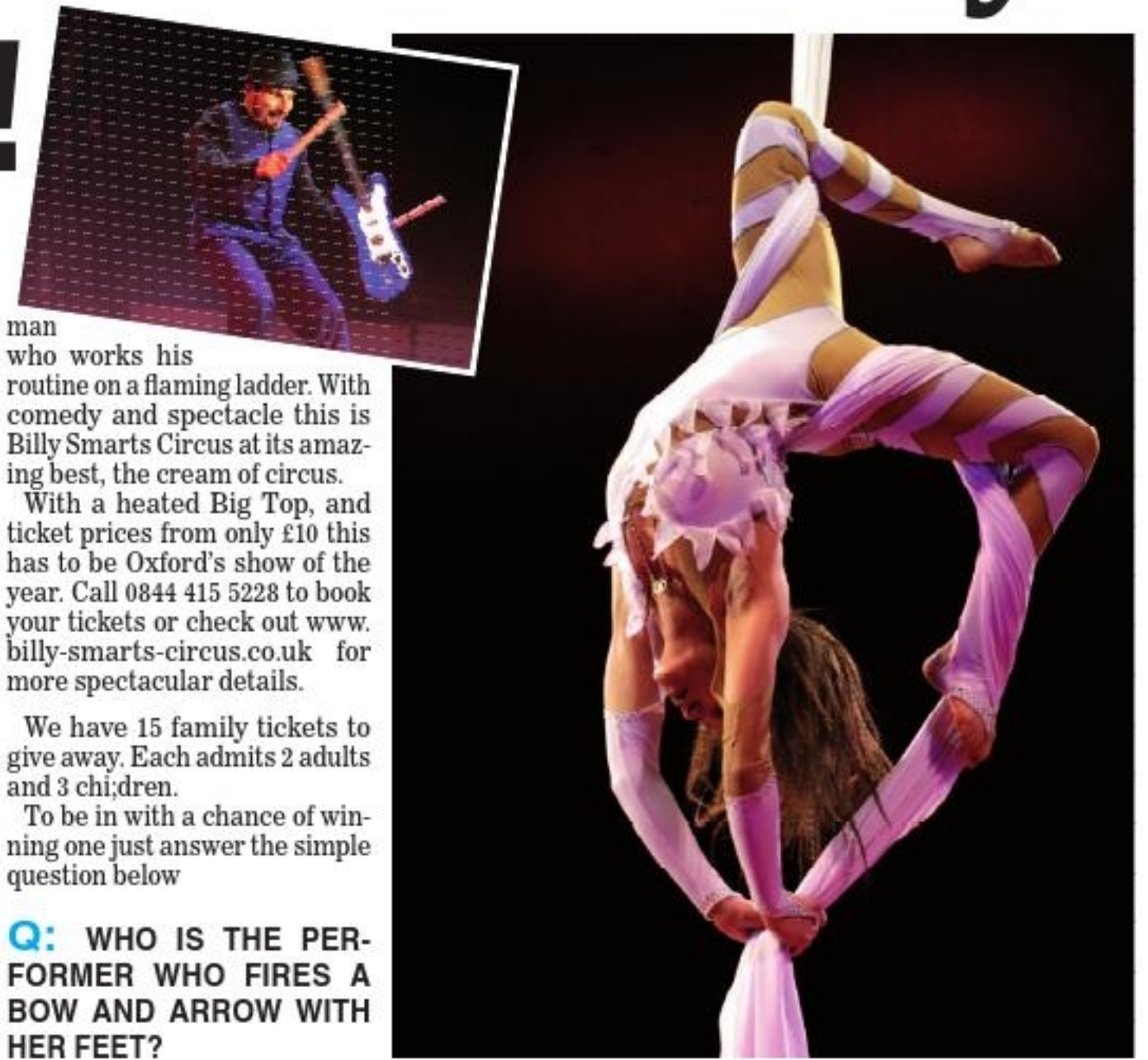
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A new sizzling supermini!

DURING the 1980s and 1990s the Peugeot 205 was considered one of the greatest hot hatches of its time - beating rivals from Ford, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. Subsequent 206 and 207 offerings - although faster - somehow failed to live up to their illustrious forebear.

Enter the new 208 GTi.

Along with parking sensors, automatic wipers/lights, dual zone air-conditioning, standard kit includes a seven-inch colour touch screen, which controls various infotainment functions: radio, Bluetooth hands-free kit or music files via a USB connection or audio streaming.

Throughout the cabin there are reminders of the car's sporting pedigree, with GTi badges adorning front seats and a flat-bottomed steering wheel.

Parts of the trim feel a bit 'plasticky', although the dash is relieved by swathes of red-stitched leather.

REVIEW: PEUGEOT 208

By Philip Shoulder

@writeonmotoring

There's a decent driving position, and the sport seats offer plenty of back and lateral support.

Rear headroom is a bit restricted for six-footers, but the boot boasts a useful 285 litre capacity.

The 1.6-litre turbocharged petrol motor delivers 197 bhp and 275Nm of torque.

Coupled with a six-speed close ratio gearbox, the 208 GTi can blast to 0 to 62mph in 6.8 seconds. Despite the fireworks, a light kerb weight (1160kg) helps to keep the hot little Peugeot clean and efficient: emitting 139g/km of CO2 and returning a claimed 47.9 combined mpg.

Despite all the grip and road holding ability, the chassis pro-

vides a firm yet supple ride. Refinement levels are good, especially for a sporting model, with well suppressed road and wind noise.

For a hot-hatch, the 208 GTi's steering and pedals are noticeably light, although this makes it an absolute doddle around town.

The Gearstick gate has a slightly clunky lever operation, but actual gear changes are positive and accurate.

VERDICT:

Although not comparable with the raw uncompromising potency of the iconic 205 GTi, Peugeot's new sizzling supermini has been briefed with a different remit: to offer performance and playfulness when required combined with enough comfort and refinement to be a viable everyday proposition.

Consequently the 208 GTi is stylish, fun and an appealing all-round hot hatch package.



• The new Peugeot 208

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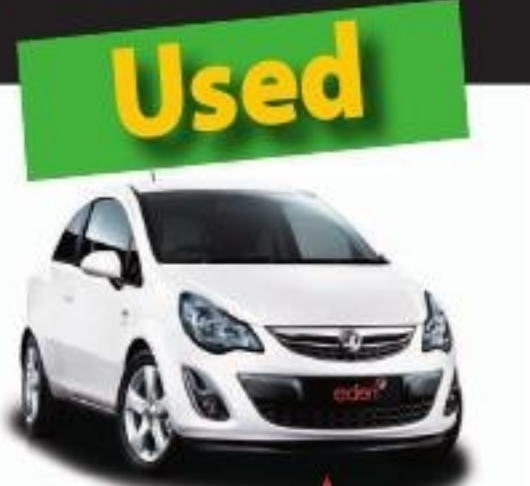


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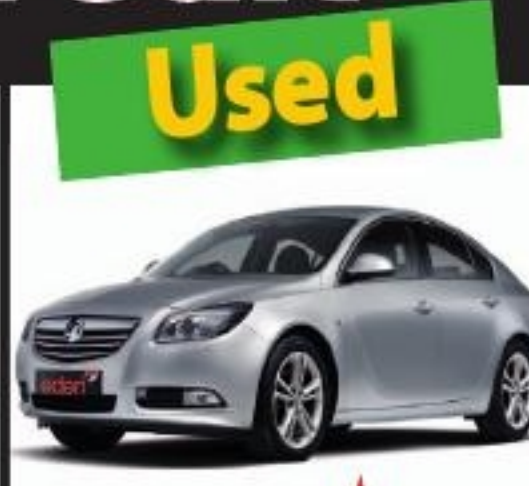


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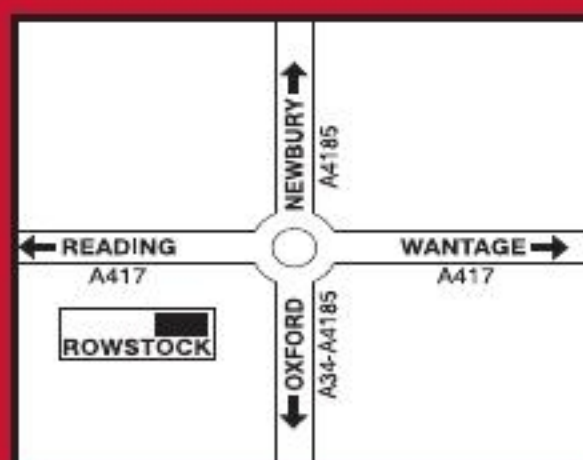
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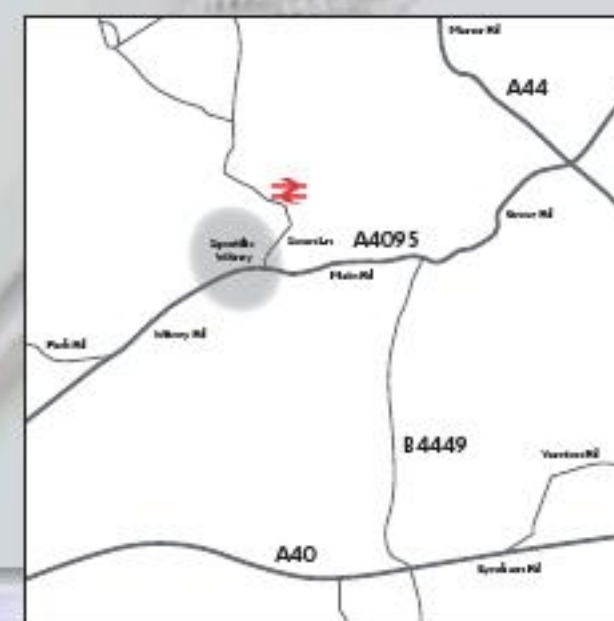
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Wilder expected more from U's as Spireites win

Wantage and Nomads in cup action

HELLENIC Premier Division front runners Wantage Town and Oxford City Nomads take a break from the league this weekend as they turn their attention to the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup.

League leaders Wantage have a first round tie at home to Fairford Town while Nomads travel to Highworth Town.

A slightly superior goal difference sees the Alfredians lead Nomads at the top of the league table while Gary Ackling's side have a three game advantage over Chris Fontaine's men.

During midweek, Wantage thumped Thame United 4-0 for their eighth win of the season while Nomads beat Highworth 2-0.

At the foot of the table, Abingdon United remain rooted at the very bottom after they were beaten 4-1 by Ascot United on Tuesday night.

Abingdon Town are still second from bottom with three points after their 3-1 defeat to Brimscombe & Thrupp.

This weekend United and Town are also in action in the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup with ties against Clanfield and Old Woodstock Town respectively.

CHRIS Wilder thought Oxford United "underperformed" as they lost their unbeaten league record to table toppers Chesterfield last Saturday.

Ritchie Humphreys scored the only goal of the game for the Spireites on the half hour mark to end United's run and extend their own impressive unbeaten start to eight games.

United slipped to fourth in League Two after Saturday's

By Jack Johnson

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defeat and Wilder could not hide his disappointment.

"I don't think we turned up individually or collectively," he said. "I don't think we asked enough questions of the opposition."

"We lacked a touch of belief which I was surprised about and a little bit disappointed."

"It's a good start (to the season) but it doesn't paper over the crack that I am not happy about the way my team has played."

"I would expect them to ask a lot more of an excellent Chesterfield side."

Deane Smalley had the best chance of the match but he headed Alfie Potter's cross wide from six yards out and the U's were punished as Humphreys volleyed into the top corner just

over 10 minutes later.

Proof that it was not to be United's day was that stand-in captain Andy Whing was sent off for a late tackle on Eoin Doyle midway through the second half.

However, United's best chances to level fell to Smalley who, after failing to trouble Tommy Lee on two occasions, did well to direct a header on 85 minutes towards goal which beat the Spireites keeper but not the post.

Wilder was unhappy with Whing's red card and was aggrieved that referee Trevor Kettle only gave Chesterfield's Sam Morsy a warning after a rash tackle on Dave Kitson just minutes before the U's were reduced to 10 men.

He said: "I thought the tackle (Morsy's) in the middle of the park was just as bad, if not worse, than Andy's."

"I didn't think Andy's was a red card and we've lost an important player."

"But I've got to say off the back of that we generally didn't deserve to get anything from the game."

United will look to get back to winning ways as they travel to 20th placed Hartlepool this Saturday.

Whing will serve the first of his three game ban while Kitson will also be suspended after picking up a fifth booking of the season last weekend.



• Andy Whing is sent off for United as their unbeaten run is ended by Chesterfield (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Plato hoping to continue winning streak



• Jason Plato won two races at Silverstone in the BTCC last year (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

JASON Plato will be hoping for some strong results to end the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) season on a high, with the penultimate round taking place this weekend at Silverstone.

A podium in the final race at Rockingham last time out was Plato's first top-three finish

since coming second at Snetterton eight races previously.

Fifth and sixth-place results backed up a largely disappointing round at Rockingham for the Oxford-based driver, after wet conditions hindered his chances of taking advantage of his pole position.

He said: "Realistically we're

too far away from the top to be thinking about the championship."

"The most important thing for us is to keep learning about the car, and hopefully get some more wins before the end of the year."

Plato had a successful outing at Silverstone last year, with

two wins that kept him in the championship hunt until the final round.

He is currently fifth in the standings with 276 points, 62 behind championship leader Andrew Jordan, and will need to be within 67 following Silverstone to still have a mathematical shot at the title.

Sport Bites

Pacesetters

CHINNOR and Oxford Harlequins continued their unbeaten starts to the season last weekend as they remain the early pacesetters in their respective leagues.

SSE National League 2 South side Chinnor beat Shelford 24-19 to move on to 13 points and up to second in the table.

Glyn Davies' men are a point behind leaders Clifton and face 13th placed Redruth this Saturday.

Harlequins made it three wins out of three in the South West 1 East with a 15-0 victory over Reading.

Quins are third in the table with 13 points and travel to winless Salisbury this weekend.

Meanwhile, Henley Hawks drew 6-6 with Rosslyn Park in the SSE National League 1 and are seventh in the table with seven points.

Next up for Hawks is second placed Coventry.

Eddie's hope

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell will be hoping to keep himself in contention for the end of season championship in Dubai as he tees off in Scotland today.

The 22-year-old is hoping to go well at this week's Alfred Dunhill Links Championship as he currently lies 80th in the Race To Dubai rankings with €319,701.

The top 60 qualify and Pepperell is currently just under £100,000 adrift of the cut-off.

Smith's hope after position alteration

TECH 3 rider Bradley Smith is hoping that an alteration in riding position will bring with it a change in fortune.

The 22-year-old has had a disappointing last couple of rounds but a positive test in Sepang has improved his mood ahead of this week's Aragon MotoGP.

He said: "The test was all about trying to figure out what went wrong during the last couple of races and I believe we found a good direction."

"We have come back more towards my base setting with some specific changes for this track."

"I changed the rider position and that definitely helped me."

"Maybe not so much on new tyres but definitely on worn tyres and with a full fuel load as well because more of my weight was over the rear."

Smith has scored 71 points in his rookie season and continues to battle it out with top CRT rider Aleix Espargaro for tenth position in the standings.

Marc Marquez heads into this weekend with a 34 point lead over Jorge Lorenzo with just five rounds remaining.

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Non-starter as Motors beat City

OXFORD City's winless run in the Skrill Conference North was extended to nine games last Saturday after a narrow 1-0 defeat to Vauxhall Motors.

Matty Kosylo scored the only goal of the game after just four minutes in a match that City dominated.

Despite being in control, City could only create one real opportunity as Vauxhall keeper Zac Jones did well to deny Mike Symons.

Mike Ford's men are now bottom of the league with only four points but this weekend may act as a welcome reprieve.

On Saturday they host Skrill Conference South side Maidenhead United in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

More Sport inside: Motorsport: Plato hoping to continue winning streak | Golf: Eddie's hope

COME DOWN AND GET BEHIND US!

Burnell rallies fans ahead of first home game of the campaign

JUSTIN Burnell has appealed to Exiles fans to cheer on his side at their first home match on Saturday.

Burnell's side made it two wins from two in the new season on Saturday, beating Nottingham 46-19 at Meadow Lane.

And Welsh take on Plymouth Albion in their first competitive fixture this campaign, looking to make it three wins from three.

"If you want to watch a good entertaining game played at a good tempo, get down to the Kassam."

"The Scarlets game [in pre-season, which ended 16-16] was one of the best match days I've ever had - it was a great advert and it's exciting times for London Welsh in Oxford."

By James Booker

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Assistant coach and Welsh fly-half Gordon Ross scored a spectacular return to form, kicking 26 points from a possible 26 after making just three out of seven kicks in the opening match of the season against Bedford.

And Ross was honoured with the man-of-the-match award in front of the Sky television cameras.

"He was on fire wasn't he? What a fantastic advert for a player-coach - absolutely textbook."

"It was also great to do it in front of the cameras - it's a great incentive for our supporters in Oxford to see what we're about, get them down to the Kassam on

Saturday.

"For us to go back to Oxford now is massive. We had some great support for our pre-season games against Chinnor and Henley, and at the Kassam against the Scarlets, so we're excited about returning there and I think it's going to be a great afternoon of rugby."

Ross was equally delighted with how he turned things round from the opening day display.

"I took a fair bit of stick after last week at the Allianz, so it was nice to prove my Welsh doubters within the squad wrong!" he said.

After the boot of Ross had seen the Exiles take a 15-9 lead into the break following a tight and physical first half, particularly in the scrum, four second half tries from Carl Kirwan, Rhys Crane, Seb Stegmann and Dante Mama secured a bonus-point win for Welsh.

"We're never going to roll over, but what came through once again was our work-rate and our attitude towards each other within the squad," said Burnell.



• London Welsh coach Justin Burnell (Picture courtesy of London Welsh)

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Whing sees red as U's are beaten

ANDY Whing was sent off for Oxford United as their unbeaten league record was ended by Chesterfield.

Ritchie Humphreys scored the only goal of the game for the league leaders to condemn United to their first defeat of the season.

Their misery was compounded when stand-in skipper Andy Whing was shown a straight red for a late tackle.

See inside sport for full match reaction.

• Andy Whing was shown a straight red for a late tackle (Picture by Steve Daniels)



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